

Immanuel Newsletter

Sunday 13th June 2021

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Thought for the week: “If you can’t be a pine at the top of the hill, be a shrub in the valley. Be the best little shrub on the side of the hill. Be a bush if you can’t be a tree. If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail. If you can’t be a sun, be a star. For it isn’t by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are”. (Martin Luther King Jr)

Bible Reading for this Sunday. Mark 4; 26-34

Theme: Time takes time...

Watch this video. I invite you to dedicate 30 minutes of your time to watch this video: the man who planted trees. You won’t regret it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybeK8mTlOTk>

Election of Elders

The names of those people who were nominated by the congregation and who have accepted are: Steve Brain, Mike Denton, Anne Farrow, Liz Gibney, Mike Gordon, Paddy Hayes, Eddie Thomas.

Election will take place at a short Church Meeting held immediately after the service next Sunday.

This Sunday you can deposit your ballot in the box before the beginning of the service, and after the service there will be two people asked to count these votes and come back to announce the results. These results will be published in the Newsletter of Sunday 20th. The induction will take place during the service on July 4th.

Christian Aid Week

Thank you so much to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week this year, the end result was amazing!

We raised **£1900** which is fantastic considering we were not able to knock on doors to collect.

A big thank you to Robert, Anne Farrow, Eddie and Helen Thomas and Sheila and David Sawyer who helped me co-ordinate Christian Aid Week within the local community.

Thank you once again Immanuel for the generosity and support shown.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Miller

Amnesty International: We are asked to take action on different cases, here is the link to find the latest. Please do something to end the suffering of others....

[https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-actions?utm_campaign=MEMA4028S_June_2021_UANetwork&utm_content=47787&utm_source=amnestyuk)

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Please Include in your prayers:

- Let us learn to be “we” not “them/us”.
- Election of Elders
- Those who are recovering from health treatments.
- All those struggling with mental health difficulties.
- Young people who seeking a way forward in life.
- Those who are mourning the death of family or friends.
- The plight of the Palestinian people.
- The Harbour Project
- Amnesty International and all victims of Human Rights violations
- The vaccination in the world.
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- The URC: nationally, the 13 Synods.
- The Southwestern Synod: Ruth the Moderator, Gwen the Synod Clerk, and all who work for the Synod, and the churches of the Synod.
- Courage of faith to confront injustice, discrimination, hatred, racism.
- All areas of the world living violence, hatred, war, famine.